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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 14-18 and 56 are pending. Claims 1, 8 and 18 have been amended. Claim 27 has been canceled. Claim 56 has been added. Claim 1 has been amended to recite in part, "an antigen which is present at an abnormally elevated amount in a patient" per the Examiner's suggestion, and rearranged to make the claim clearer. Claim 8 has been amended to properly define the abbreviations. Such terms are well known in the art. Claim 56 is a Markush group (support can be found, for example, at page 17, lines 14-30). No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not being enabled. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection to the extent that it is applied to the claims as amended.

Claim 27 has been deleted and is no longer pending.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 14-18, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection to the extent that it is applied to the claims as amended.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite in part, "an antigen which is present at an abnormally elevated amount in a patient" per the Examiner's suggestion.

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Claim 8 has been amended to read as a proper Markush group and to correct for the minor typographical error (correct spelling of the term "prostate").

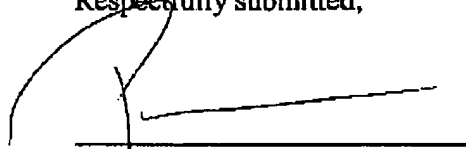
Claim 8 has also been amended to properly define the abbreviations. Such terms are well known in the art.

Claim 18 has been amended to find proper antecedent basis in claim 1.

Claim 27 has been cancelled.

Allowance of claims 1-3, 6-8, 14-18 and 56 is respectfully solicited.

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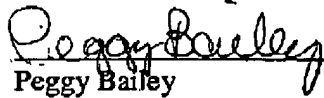
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